

# the top ten



**Relaxing — Squirrel Nut Zippers**, who have described their music as, "somewhere between punk alternative and jazz" hit the top 10 last week at WVCW with their number one hit "Hell."

## WVCW Plans to Rock to the FM Beat

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After years of working around students' class schedules, cutting through red tape, filing paper upon paper and weathering complete staff turnovers, VCU's campus radio station, WVCW, is closer than ever to switching from its current 640 AM and 105.3 FM Continental Cable frequencies to a citywide FM frequency.

"This has been an on-going process for 25 years. We're further now than we've ever been," said Kerry James, WVCW general manager.

The campus station still has to apply to the Federal Communications Commission before an FM frequency can be selected. The FCC will hold the application for six months. If it approves the station's license request, it then will release the frequency information.

"We are a university. We're going to be a public service," James said. "We've always wanted to do this... the executive staff makes decisions, but then they graduate."

WVCW has been heard on the VCU Academic Campus for 25 years, but with staff pushing the process along and faculty adviser Marianne Duprey laying ground work, station director Jeff Karluk hopes to have the new FM station fully functional sometime next year.

"We're lucky right now in that I'm going for it, Kerry's going for it, and Marianne Duprey is definitely going for it," Karluk said.

WVCW will undergo a few changes

with the FM switch. The station plans to add an advertising department. WVCW has sold ads, but it is not common practice because of the lack of an ad department, James said. He hopes to recruit student staff from VCU's advertising department.

James also intends to expand the music format from its current progressive alternative style to include several different genres. "Not only will you hear Pearl Jam, but Latin music, Asian music... VCU is culturally diverse, and it's unfair to reach just one rather than encompass all," he said. Because the station is still looking for disk jockeys, details on the program changes have not been decided.

In other areas, Karluk plans to extend broadcast time to 24 hours per day from the current 7 a.m. to midnight. He said he hopes to have the station much more involved in local events as WVCW will have greater access to the Richmond community through the citywide frequency.

The Biograph, 814 W. Grace St., hosted a benefit concert on Saturday, Sept. 7, to raise funds for WVCW. The bands Mr. Pink, Scabble, Seratonin and Animal Farm each donated a performance to the cause. Mike Hsu, lead singer for Animal Farm and disk jockey for 106.5 WBZU-FM, expressed great support for college radio.

"If it weren't for college radio, we wouldn't know most of the music we know now," he said.

### WVCW

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|-----|-----------------------------|----------------------|
| 10. | "Ask the Dragon"            | Yoko Ono with Ima    |
| 9.  | "It's Against the Law"      | Wesley Willis        |
| 8.  | "Clowns of Death"           | Oingo Boingo         |
| 7.  | "Give Me Daughters"         | Jonathan Fire-Eater  |
| 6.  | "Mister Richard Smoker"     | Ween                 |
| 5.  | "What Bothers the Spaceman" | Mono Puff            |
| 4.  | "Wish You Were Here"        | Catherine Wheel      |
| 3.  | "Nuclear Bomb"              | Meat Beat Manifesto  |
| 2.  | "Spiralling Shape"          | They Might Be Giants |
| 1.  | "Hell"                      | Squirrel Nut Zippers |

### WBZU — 106.5 "The Buzz"

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|-----|----------------------|--------------------|
| 10. | "Ready to Go"        | Republica          |
| 9.  | "Down Together"      | The Refreshments   |
| 8.  | "Jerk"               | Neurotic Outsiders |
| 7.  | "Strange Attraction" | Cure               |
| 6.  | "Ocean"              | Sebadoh            |
| 5.  | "My My"              | Seven Mary Three   |
| 4.  | "Charm"              | Wild Colonials     |
| 3.  | "I'm a Slut"         | Howlin Maggie      |
| 2.  | "Arlington"          | Emmet Swimming     |
| 1.  | "Sucked Out"         | Superdrag          |

### WPLZ — "Magic 99 FM"

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| 10. | "Dream About You"        | Quindici                 |
| 9.  | "Days of Our Lives"      | Bone Thugs & Harmony     |
| 8.  | "Elevators"              | Outkast                  |
| 7.  | "If I Ruled the World"   | Nas with Lauryn Hill     |
| 6.  | "What Kind of Man"       | Mint Condition           |
| 5.  | "All I See"              | A                        |
| 4.  | "My Boo"                 | Ghost Town DJs           |
| 3.  | "Can't Knock the Hustle" | Jay Z with Mary J. Blige |
| 2.  | "If Your Girl Only Knew" | Aaliyah                  |
| 1.  | "Lover's Groove"         | Immature                 |

Compiled from local radio stations.

**Ready to Rock — David Lowery** and fellow Fichmonders who comprise Cricker, take time off from touring with The Cranberries to make a special appearance at the Flood Zone Tuesday night.

